

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communications filed 09/21/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 12 and 14-18.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## DETAILED ACTION

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the attorney for applicant, Michael j. D'Aurelio (Reg. No. 40,977) on November 18, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A printing method, comprising:

determining whether a non-rendered document received in a local printer from a portable device via a portable device communications port is embodied in a format compatible with the local printer;

relaying the a non-rendered document from the a local printer to a host coupled thereto if the non-rendered document is not embodied in the format compatible with the local printer; ~~the non-rendered document being received in the local printer from a portable device via a portable device communications port;~~

identifying one of a number of applications in the host that is compatible with the non-rendered document;

rendering the non-rendered document with the one of the number of applications into a format compatible with the local printer, thereby creating a rendered document; and

sending the rendered document to the local printer for printing.

**14. (Currently Amended) A printing system, comprising:**

a host and a local printer coupled thereto, the local printer having a portable device communications port with which to establish a communications link with a portable device;

means in the local printer for determining whether a non-rendered document received in the local printer from the portable device via the portable device communications port is embodied in a format compatible with the local printer;

means in the local printer for relaying the a non-rendered document received ~~via the portable device communications port~~ to the host for rendering if the non-rendered document is not embodied in the format compatible with the local printer;

means for determining a file type of the non-rendered document;

means for identifying one of a number of applications in the host that is compatible with the file type;

means in the host for orchestrating a rendering of the non-rendered document into a rendered document with a printer format compatible with the local printer, the non-rendered document being rendered using the one of the number of applications in the host; and

means in the host for transmitting a rendered document to the local printer to be printed.

**17. (Currently Amended) A printing system, comprising:**

a host and a local printer coupled thereto, the local printer having a portable device communications port with which to establish a communications link with a portable device;

means in the local printer for determining whether a non-rendered document received in the local printer from the portable device via the portable

**device communications port is embodied in a format compatible with the local printer;**

**means in the local printer for relaying the a non-rendered document received via the portable device communications port to the host for rendering if the non-rendered document is not embodied in the format compatible with the local printer;**

**means in the host for orchestrating a rendering of the non-rendered document into a rendered document with a printer format compatible with the local printer, the non-rendered document being rendered using the one of the number of applications in the host;**

**means in the host for transmitting a rendered document to the local printer to be printed; and**

**wherein the means in the host for orchestrating the rendering of the non-rendered document into the rendered document further comprises means for launching the one of the number of applications in the host with instructions to print the non-rendered document using the local printer.**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

the prior art, individually or in combination does not teach determining whether a non-rendered document received in a local printer from a portable device via a portable device communications port is embodied in a format compatible with the local printer; and relaying the non-rendered document from the local printer to a host coupled thereto if the non-rendered document is not embodied in the format compatible with the local printer;

the prior art, individually or in combination does not teach a document relay

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system in a printer, comprising a logic that determines whether a document received from a remote device via a portable device communications port is rendered in a format compatible with the printer; and a logic that relays the document to a host to be rendered for the printer if the document is not compatible with the printer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh Quang Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4154 and whose e-mail address is [tanh.nguyen36@uspto.gov](mailto:tanh.nguyen36@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin, can be reached on (571) 272-2100. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for After Final, Official, and Customer Services, or (571) 273-4154 for Draft to the Examiner (please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT").

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